



Middletown Committee for the Arts
Minutes of September 23rd, 2013 5:15pm

Paradise Park . Paradise Avenue . Middletown, RI

Present: Linda Phelan, Diana Skaggs, Diane Kerins, Amy Cordeiro, Lisa Hansel, Diane Andrews, Sharon Morgera, Jill Armstrong, Richard Cambra, Kelly Ganser

Call to order at 5:15 by Chair, Linda Phelan

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 26, 2013 by Linda, second by Diana Skaggs, All in favor.

Old business

Celebration of the Arts Review:

- Linda reviewed Town/Arts Committee budget protocol. Town is responsible for recording expenditures and profits. Diana Skaggs expressed concern that committee members had received deposit checks from vendors. Linda said she would look into the correct procedures.
- b. Committee discussed difficulties with the parking situation at the Arts Celebration, and the possible solution of a new arrangement. Possibly park cars in the area formerly used by vendors, and move vendors to the west side of the park, closer to the tent. Lisa volunteered to do a scale map of the park to help visualize a new parking "flow". Also suggested was mowing the field or removal of the invasive "Burning Bush" species at the end of the parking lot. Lisa will try a couple different plans to see which would be more viable.
- c. Richard defended the volunteers' and police department's efforts to coordinate parking. It was decided that we need more parking volunteers, and we need to consult the police department about heavy traffic flow. Jill will call the First Student bus company to inquire the cost of school busses for a shuttle program.
- d. Exit surveys and beach sticker forms: Sticker forms and exit surveys were handed out at the water tent. Not as many people were reached as had been in previous years. More volunteers are needed. Richard suggested a designated entrance/exit area with a table. Also a pamphlet to be handed out at the entrance which would include a layout of the park vendors, a performance schedule, and a tear-off exit survey would be useful for visitors.

2. Club Respect Update:

- Call for artists for Club Respect activities will be sent out through the Arts Committee website. Debbie Bailey wants artists to start coming to the club in October.
- Call to Artists would also be put out on Middletown patch, Newport daily News, MPSRI, Craig's List. Sharon and Diana Skaggs will remain liaisons to Club Respect. People in charge of Call to Artists placement are:

MPSRI – Jill

Craig's List – Amy

Middletown Patch – Kelly

Artist/vendor list/Middletown Web site – Lisa

3. Beach Sticker Contest:

- Jill and Diane K. will distribute sticker contest forms to students in their respective schools.

4. License Plate Contest:

- Friends of the Middletown Library were luke-warm in their reception of the idea of becoming the fiscal agent for the Arts Committee. It was suggested that the Aquidneck Land Trust may be more suitable, but we will have to await the outcome of the next meeting of the Friends of the Library.

New Business

- Potential new member: Kelly Ganzer. Kelly has offered to work on the existing artist/vendor list for the Committee.
- Review of Mission statement will take place at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Monday, October 28th 2013, Middletown Police Department, Valley Road, 5:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Kerins and Linda Phelan